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July 8th, 1919

Professor B. A. Bensley,

Biological Building.

Dear Professor Bensley:

Miss Edna Park has been recommended for appointment in your Department and in Household Science. Will you kindly consult with Miss Baird and let me know in which department Miss Park is to be appointed.

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 4th, 1919

Professor Bensley,
University of Toronto.
Dear Professor Bensley:

Provost Hackleu asks for duplication of lectures in Zoology in the first year to the students of Trinity College. Will it be possible for you to give it to them this year?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 6th. 1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

Referring to your letter of October 4th., I presume it would be possible to give the course at Trinity as requested; but this would be so difficult and unsatisfactory that I hope the arrangement will not be insisted upon. What is now described as Zoology I (Elementary Science p. 129, Arts Calendar) is the new Composite Course, to which we have given a great deal of thought, a lecture-demonstration course to be given by Professors Burton, Kenrick, Coleman, Faull and myself, presumably to practically the entire First Year. Again, the Science Staff is rather busily engaged this year in covering the assignments of laboratory work.

I hope that this can be explained to Provost Macklem, with the assurance that we are interested in the welfare of the Trinity group of students.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley.

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October 7,1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

I send you the following particulars concerning appointments recently asked for by Professor Piersol at my request, thinking that you may wish to have the records at hand for future reference.

John W.MacArthur,Lecturer in Experimental Biology.Originally of Bowmansville,N.Y. Parentage English and Canadian. B.A. Oberlin,1910. 1910-12,Assistant in Science(Zoology,Physiography) at Wabash. University of Chicago,Department of Zoology and Embryology, Research Assistant and Fellow,1912-17,under Professors Lillie and Child.University of Illinois Medical College,Department of Anatomy, Instructor,1917-19. Has final work for Ph.D.degree,Chicago in press. Also advanced standing in the medical course,which ,however,he does not intend to complete.

W.H.T.Baillie,Lecturer in Histology. Received Lieut.Comm. C.A.M.C. Dec.1916 while a member of our staff,but was not recommended for half-salary because he did not expect at the time to return to academic work. Served in England with 4th,15th,and 19th Batt. and Staff A.D.M.S. at Bramshott to May 1917.Comm.Capt,Apr.1917.Served in France with 2nd Field Ambulance,Amiens,Arras,and Valenciennes;Cologne,Belgium.Transferred to Reserve of Officers,Sept.17,1919.

Upon learning his desire to return to academic work we recommended Dr.Baillie to the position in Histology as a means of fitt-

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ing him in, so that it will not be necessary to make a modification of the staff list until next year.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley.

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October 22nd. 1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

I would be obliged if you would arrange for the appointment of the following Class Assistants in Biology for the Michaelmas term. The amounts which they will be entitled to receive are set down opposite their names.

A. G. McPhedran,B.A.,M.B.	$ 75.00
A. Isaacson,M.B.	50.00
J. M. MacDonald,M.B.	50.00
E. McCullough,M.B.	100.00
P. D. Spohn,M.B.	100.00
F. B. Adamstone	30.00
Miss E. Chant	20.00
W. V. Johnston	60.00
N. F. Morrison	30.00
L. M. Murray	60.00
W. A. Switzer	60.00
Total	635.00

Without the appropriation. E.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley

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October 23,1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr.President:

I would be obliged if you would arrange for the appointment of Miss Nora C.Lawler,55 Isabella St. as Departmental Secretary,at a salary of $80.per month,service to begin October 27.

Miss Lawler is a graduate in Arts in Modern Languages of 1906,has had a good deal of office experience and has recently been employed in the Central Y.W.C.A. She has not exactly the qualifications I hoped to get,especially in biological training,but unfortunately I have not been able to get any graduate in Biology who would be suitable otherwise. Her knowledge of modern languages, however,will be of value to us in connection with the library and perhaps in covering scientific French and German. She has also agreed to try to cover our needs in the matter of chart work,which,as I reported to you previously,is becoming increasingly necessary.

Within the appropriation. Is this a sessional appt.? Yes.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley.

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November 3, 1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

A few days ago Dean Webster of the Dental College called me on the telephone and asked me if I could take in a number of the students who were refused entrance to the First Year of Dentistry. I afterwards placed these students in a class with our Second Year Pass students finding we could handle them there with little extra trouble.

Since the students of the Dental College have not previously taken regular work in the Department I thought I had better report the matter for your information and in case any arrangement with the University has still to be made. I understand that these students are taking an extra year because the Dental College cannot give them the assurance of entering the First Year of the Four Year Course next Fall otherwise, and in the meantime that the College is charging them with the full professional fee of $160.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley.

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November 7,1919.

Miss A.W.Patterson,

President's Office.

Dear Miss Patterson:

Concerning Miss Lawler's appointment it was my intention that she should go through to June 30,1920 on the monthly salary recommended or whatever may be decided,and that she should continue for next year from July I.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley

November 21st, 1919

Professor W. A. Hensley,
University of Toronto.

Dear Dr. Hensley:

I am sorry that owing to some oversight you have been still placed in the register as "Acting head of the Department of Biology". Of course for several years you have been full head, and I will at once speak to the Registrar and have it changed. The question has often be considered as to whether the Department should be called "Biology" or "Zoology". Dr. Faull is strongly of opinion that Botany should stand on the same basis as Zoology and that Botany is part of Biology, but as to your position I do not understand why the change has not been made.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 16th. 1919.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

For some time past we have had particulars of a very important collection of animals, the property of Mr. Johann Beetz, a Belgian gentleman, one of the pioneer fur-farmers of Canada, who settled many years ago at a place on the outer coast of Labrador. This collection contains about 1300 specimens and is valued at $6000., though it might perhaps be obtained for less. The specimens are so unique as material for investigation and report that I decided to ask if the collection could not be purchased out of the research fund, more especially for the following reasons. The region is one that has been superficially described as regards either the land or marine fauna. The collection is not a general one covering natural history but has been carefully selected as material for a study of animal variation. It contains some 24 varietal phases of the fox, of which there are 4 valuable black pelts. Incidentally there is a rare whale foetus for which Mr. Beetz states that he had previously refused $ 1000.

My plan would be that this collection should serve for investigation and report on the part of the staff of this department and afterwards the collection should go to the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology. For this reason I would be glad if you would consider first of all the advisability of purchasing it out of the research fund, and if you decide favourably, to consult with Sir Edmund Walker on the point of making the collection available to the Royal Ontario Museum.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley

December 13th, 1919

Professor R. A. Rensley,
Biological Building.

Dear Professor Rensley:

At first sight it appears to me that it might be rather outside the range of our present grant for research to purchase a collection on which research might be made in the future. I am inclined to think that the purpose of our research fund was to deal with emergent problems, and that the fund would be used for the purpose of procuring material which would be necessary to deal with these problems. However, I will consult with Sir Edmund Walker about the matter and ask him what possibility there would be of the Royal Ontario Museum joining in the effort to secure this collection.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 28th. 1920.

President Sir Robert Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

I would be obliged if you would arrange for the appointment of the following Class Assistants in Biology for the Easter term. The amounts which they will be entitled to receive are set down opposite their names.

Extension of service:

J. M. MacDonald, M.B.	$ 50.00
E. McCulloch, M.B.	100.00
A. G. McPhedran, B.A., M.B.	125.00
A. Isaacson, M.B.	50.00
P. D. Spohn, M.B.	125.00
~~B. B. Adamstone~~	~~30.00~~
W. V. Johnston	60.00
N. F. Morrison	20.00
L. M. Murray	60.00
W. A. Switzer	60.00

Cancelled see letter 6.2.20

New Appointment:

N. O. Found, B.A.	50.00
Total	$ 730.00

It appears that the total amount indicated above will exceed the balance of the present appropriation for Class Assistants by $ 165.00, which I hope will not be considered excessive, especially in view of the large number of laboratory classes for which we have had to make provision this year.

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Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley.

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February 6th. 1920.

President Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:

Referring to my letter of January 28th., concerning the appointment of Class Assistants; it appears that Mr. F. B. Adamstone, owing to a change of time-table, will not be able to give us the service indicated. I would, therefore, like to have his name removed from the list.

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Bensley

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